

World and Nation

New rioting jars Venezuelan capital

From Associated Press reports

CARACAS, Venezuela — New riots broke out in the western slums Wednesday despite martial law imposed because of two days of disturbances, and at least four people were reported killed.

Venezuelans jammed the few remaining food stores, guarded by soldiers, to stock up after two days of riots and looting during which more than 100 people have been reported killed and 800 injured.

Thousands have been reported detained during the protests against price increases.

Witnesses in outlying areas of

Caracas said police exchanged gunfire with snipers and drove mobs away from stores. Other witnesses saw four bodies in the streets of Catia on Wednesday, including one woman who had been killed by police as she tried to loot a store. Police helicopters circled the capital.

Radio reporters said delinquents tried to break into homes in Guaranas, 30 miles west of Caracas, while homeowners were defending themselves with guns.

President Carlos Andres Peres declared martial law late Tuesday, saying the "incredible tragedy" of the

violence threatened Venezuela's "consolidation of democracy."

The president also announced an agreement between industry and labor for an immediate wage increase that would raise the pay of those earning the minimum wage by more than 50 percent.

Bus fare increases of 30 percent to 50 percent and price gouging by drivers were the immediate cause of the riots, but oil accounts for 90 percent of Venezuela's export income, and the economy never recovered from the plunge in world prices several years ago.

Inflation is expected to reach 70

percent this year, double the 1988 level, and the foreign debt is \$33 billion.

Peres, in office only four weeks, announced a sweeping reform package under pressure from international creditors. It includes freeing interest rates, doubling gasoline prices and letting the currency float, which means higher prices for imports.

Downtown Caracas was calm Wednesday. Most banks remained closed, and those that opened let customers in one at a time. Other businesses worked to clean the damage.

Tower confirmation chances slimmer after new admission

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — John Tower, his nomination as defense secretary in grave trouble, made an extraordinary public admission of marital infidelity Wednesday but vowed to keep fighting for Senate confirmation. His prospects dimmed further, however, by the Senate majority leader's opposition.

President Bush continued to court Democrats in a last-ditch effort to save the appointment, and spokesman Marlin Fitzwater asserted, "We'll just keep up the good fight."

But Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell further dampened Tower's chances by declaring his opposition, even as Vice President Dan Quayle conceded the administration still lacks the votes needed for Senate approval.

Recovery attempt undecided

HONOLULU — The Navy has equipment capable of recovering the cargo door that sank in 16,800 feet of water after tearing away from a United Airlines jumbo jet, an undersea technician said.

The National Transportation Safety Board has not decided whether to attempt to recover the door from the Pacific Ocean 85 miles southwest of Honolulu, said board member Lee Dickinson. He

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said, however, that examining the front cargo door would be "very helpful to us in our analysis."

SBI agent testifies in hearing
WAMPSVILLE, N.Y. — North Carolina officials did not take any steps to interfere with the legal counsel given to fugitive Indian activist Timothy Jacobs, a North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation agent testified Wednesday at Jacobs' extradition hearing.

Agent James Bowman testified that he promised Jacobs' parents that he would help ensure their son's safety if and when Jacobs returned to North Carolina to face kidnapping charges stemming from the armed takeover of a Robeson County newspaper.

But Bowman repeatedly denied knowing of any attempts by state or Robeson County officials to interfere with Jacobs' lawyers.

Jacobs has charged that local officials in Robeson County are involved in drug trafficking and other corruption. He maintains that he would be unable to receive a fair trial there and that his life would be in danger if he is returned.

Basketball

the officiating crew an escort of its own.

In a rare reference to the officiating, Smith commented on the furious final seconds. "Bobby (Cremins) was saying to foul, and I thought he (Scott) did a great job fouling," he said.

Cremins, who had a closer look at Scott's "steal" and winning hoop, had an entirely different view of the play. "Dennis made a clean steal, an absolute clean steal," Cremins said. "And he turned around and made a great shot."

"It was wild, absolutely wild."

UNC forward Steve Bucknall, in

a silent North Carolina locker room, said he thought that the Tar Heels had the game won. "Then, I turned around and Scott had the ball," Bucknall said. "And he put it up from way out there, and it fell for him."

The Tech victory marks the first time in Hammonds' career that the Yellow Jackets have prevailed over the Tar Heels.

The win upped Tech's record to 20-9, 8-5 in the ACC. The Tar Heels dropped to 24-6, 9-4 in conference play.

In addition to Reid's 20, Williams and Fox also reached double figures

for the Tar Heels with 17 and 14 points, respectively. Junior guard Brian Oliver added 12 for the Yellow Jackets, while Tech's Karl Brown led all players with eight assists.

The Yellow Jackets reached their biggest lead of the game at 63-56, when Brown hit Hammonds coming down the middle of the lane for a gargantuan dunk.

A UNC comeback set the scene for Scott's heroics as the Tar Heels outscored Tech 11-4 in a span of three minutes. When Reid hit two free throws with 1:26 remaining, he gave UNC its first lead of the half at 71-70.

Men's Basketball

Wednesday

Georgia Tech 76, UNC 74

UNC — Bucknall 2-8 2-2 8, Williams 7-13 3-4 17, Chilcutt 3-6 0-0 6, Letso 0-3 2-2 2, Rice 0-1 0-0 0, Madden 3-8 1-2 7, Reid 7-12 6-6 20, Fox 5-8 2-2 14, H.Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Denny 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 27-59 16-18 74.

Tech — Hammonds 8-20 3-4 19, Sherrod 0-1 0-0 0, Reese 0-0 0-0 0, Scott 10-20 1-1 28, Oliver 4-12 3-4 12, McNeil 1-3 3-4 5, Brittan 1-1 0-0 2, Brown 0-5 6-8 6, Whitmore 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 26-64 16-21 76.

Halftime Score: Tech 36-34. Three-point goals — UNC 4-14 (Lubbo 0-3, Bucknall 2-8, Fox 2-3), Tech 8-19 (Scott 7-14, Oliver 1-4, Brown 0-3). Turnovers — UNC 19, Tech 15. Rebounds — UNC 41 (Fox, Reid 8), Tech 35 (Hammonds 11). Assists — UNC 16 (Bucknall 7), Tech 18 (Brown 8). Fouls — UNC 16, Tech 17. A — 9,323.

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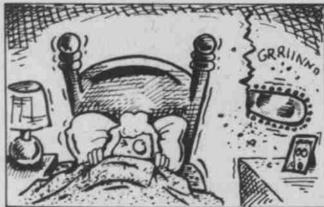
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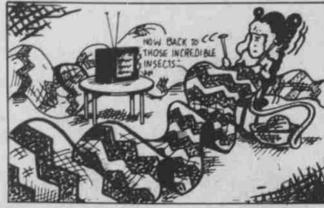
Leslie has her own apartment



Leslie spent more on parking fines than on books last semester.



Leslie's neighbors had a little party last night.



Leslie's social life has been in somewhat of a slump.



Leslie had to sign a 12-month lease even though school lasts only nine months.

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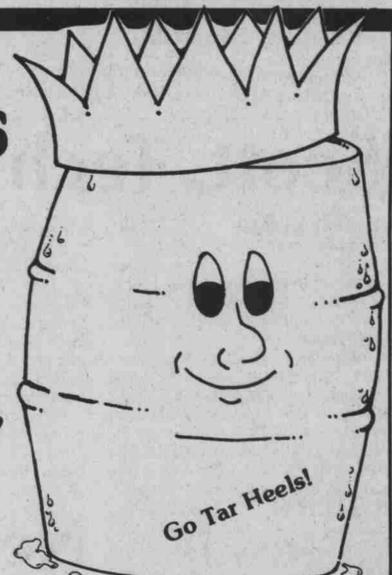
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